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Announcer: America's most dangerous jobs

Police officers and firefighters have dangerous jobs. We often see them on TV or in films. But, in fact, they aren't the most dangerous jobs in America today. The most dangerous job in the USA today is a timber cutter. These people sometimes have to work high in the air with dangerous machines and big trees. Many workers get injured when trees fall on them, and around 130 out of 100,000 die every year. A fisherman has a dangerous job, too. About 120 out of 100,000 workers die every year. In winter, fishermen in Alaska catch crabs. They have to work hundreds of kilometres from land, in storms, ice and snow.

There are other dangerous jobs too ...

Steel workers in the States build skyscrapers, so they have to work very high in the air. Every year around 60 out of 100,000 fall and die.

Pilots also have a dangerous job. The big passenger planes we fly in are very safe, but every year around 70 pilots die in small planes. Especially crop sprayers have a dangerous job because they have to fly fast and very low. One mistake can kill them.

Finally, the other most dangerous jobs in America are jobs on the roads. In New York, cycle couriers deliver thousands of letters every day to offices in the city. They have to work fast, and a lot of them die or have bad accidents. Every year, around 25 out of 100,000 truck drivers die in an accident. They often have to work too long, so they fall asleep on the road.